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Officer Involved Shooting in Emmitsburg

FREDERICK, Md. (Oct. 20, 2020) - The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is currently investigating multiple officer involved shootings that occurred at several locations in the Emmitsburg, Maryland, area on Monday, Oct. 19, at approximately 2:45 p.m.

Pennsylvania State Police contacted the FCSO at approximately 2:30 p.m. and asked for assistance with a vehicle pursuit of a wanted fugitive in an attempted homicide identified as David Robert Leatherman, and another occupant later identified as Bryan Paul Selmer. They were operating a stolen passenger truck from Pennsylvania, crossing into Frederick County near the Town of Emmitsburg.

FCSO assisted with the pursuit that went down Route 15 South into Thurmont, Maryland, and then back onto Route 15 North toward Emmitsburg. At one point in this chase, suspects fired shots at responding units and disabled a Cumberland Township Police, Pennsylvania, police vehicle along Route 15 North by Mount Saint Mary's University. The Cumberland Township Police Officer did not receive any injuries in this part of the incident.

The suspects proceeded on Route 15 North and crashed in the median between Route 15 South and North by the exit for Route 140. The suspects fled on foot. Leatherman fled into the Emmet Gardens housing area where a Pennsylvania State Trooper and a FCSO Deputy confronted Leatherman in an attempt to arrest him. During the incident the Deputy and Trooper were involved in an officer involved shooting with Leatherman. Leatherman was then taken in to custody without injury. Neither the Pennsylvania State Trooper nor the FCSO Deputy were injured.

Selmer continued to flee on foot and officers engaged him on Silo Hill Parkway between the Exxon and McDonalds in Emmitsburg. When Selmer got near the Exxon Station, he abruptly turned toward pursuing deputies, and took a shooting stance with his arms extended in front of him, with his hands together, consistent with a person holding a firearm. FCSO Deputies discharged their firearms and struck Selmer. Eyewitness statements and business videos obtained by FCSO Deputies support this account of what took place.

Deputies immediately rendered first aid to Selmer and Maryland State Police Trooper 3 transported him to R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma in Baltimore. After transport and arrival to the Trauma Center, physicians pronounced Selmer dead. The FCSO Deputies did not receive any injuries from this event.

This is an ongoing investigation and at this time, the FCSO Deputies and the Pennsylvania State Police Trooper names will not be released. The FCSO Deputies and Pennsylvania State Trooper are currently on routine administrative leave.

The FCSO is asking for anyone who witnessed or who may have video footage of this event to contact, FCSO Detective Bryce McGuire at 301-600-3934 or our anonymous tip line at 301-600-4131.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is a full-service law enforcement agency; an arm of the court, and a keeper of offenders. In this regard, it exists to serve the more than 250,000 citizens of Frederick County with respect, fairness, and compassion. FCSO is committed to the prevention of crime; the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace and order; the enforcement of laws and ordinances; the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees; and safekeeping of prisoners. The men, women, and officers of this office nurture public trust by holding themselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. The FCSO is located at 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick, MD, 21701. Visit www.frederickcosheriff.com for more information.

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